UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Petitioner,

v.

PAYWARD VENTURES INC., d/b/a KRAKEN OR KRAKEN.COM, OR ITS PREDECESSORS, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, OR AFFILIATES,

Respondent.

Case No. 3:23-MC-80029-JCS

CONSENT OR DECLINATION TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please indicate below by checking **one** of the two boxes whether you (if you are the party) or the party you represent (if you are an attorney in the case) choose(s) to consent or decline to magistrate judge jurisdiction in this matter. Sign this form below your selection.

◯ CONSENT to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I voluntarily **consent** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment. I understand that appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

OR

■ DECLINE Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I <u>decline</u> to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case and I hereby request that this case be reassigned to a United States district judge.

DATE: March 02 , 2023 NAME: /s/ Grant P. Fondo

GRANT P. FONDO

COUNSEL FOR

(OR "PRO SE"): Respondent PAYWARD

VENTURES, INC.